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Re: **Docket No. 030851-TP**

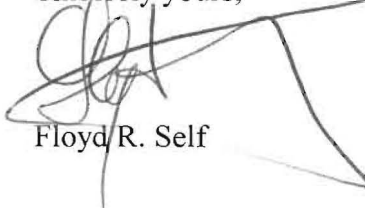
Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (hereinafter "MCI"), are an original and fifteen copies of MCI's Preliminary Objections to BellSouth's Third Request for Admissions, Seventh Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 240-235), as well as MCI's Preliminary Objections to BellSouth's Seventh Request for Production of Documents (No. 34) in the above referenced docket.

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In Re: Implementation of Requirements	)	
Arising From Federal Communications	)	Docket No.: 030851-TP
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**MCI's PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS TO BELLSOUTH'S THIRD REQUEST FOR  
ADMISSIONS, SEVENTH SET OF INTERROGATORIES (Nos. 240-273),  
AND SEVENTH REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION (No. 34)**

MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (hereinafter "MCI"), pursuant to the *Order Establishing Procedure*, Order No. PSC-03-1054-PCO-TP, issued September 22, 2003 (hereinafter "*Procedural Order*") by the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission"), Rule 28-106.206 of the Florida Administrative Code, and Rules 1.280 and 1.340 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby generally and specifically objects to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") Third Request for Admissions, Seventh Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 240-273), and Seventh Request for Production of Documents (No. 34) to MCI, served on January 20, 2004. The Objections stated herein are preliminary in nature and are made at this time for the purpose of complying with the seven-day requirement set forth in the *Procedural Order*.

A. General Objections

MCI makes the following General Objections to BellSouth's Third Request for Admissions, Seventh Set of Interrogatories, and Seventh Request for Production of Documents including the applicable definitions and general instructions therein ("BellSouth discovery"), which as appropriate will be incorporated into each relevant response when MCI's responses are served on BellSouth.

1. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent that such discovery seeks to impose an obligation on MCI to respond on behalf of subsidiaries, affiliates, or other persons that are not parties to this case on the grounds that such discovery is overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, and not permitted by applicable discovery rules. MCI further objects to any and all BellSouth discovery that seeks to obtain information from MCI for MCI subsidiaries, affiliates, or other related MCI entities that are not certificated by the Commission.

2. MCI has interpreted the BellSouth discovery to apply to MCI's regulated intrastate operations in Florida and will limit its responses accordingly. To the extent that any BellSouth discovery is intended to apply to matters that take place outside the state of Florida and which are not related to Florida intrastate operations subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, MCI objects to such request as irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

3. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent that such discovery calls for information which is exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney-client privilege, work product privilege, or other applicable privilege.

4. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery insofar as such discovery is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, imprecise, or utilizes terms that are subject to multiple interpretations but are not properly defined or explained for purposes of these requests. Any responses provided by MCI in response to the BellSouth discovery will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.

5. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery insofar as such discovery is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and is not relevant to the subject matter of this action.

6. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery insofar as it seeks information or documents, or seek to impose obligations on MCI which exceed the requirements of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or Florida law.

7. MCI objects to providing information to the extent that such information is already in the public record before the Florida Public Service Commission or which is already in the possession, custody, or control of BellSouth.

8. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent that such discovery is overly broad, unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive, or excessively time consuming as written.

9. MCI objects to each and every request to the extent that the information requested constitutes "trade secrets" which are privileged pursuant to Section 90.506, Florida Statutes. To the extent that BellSouth's requests seek proprietary confidential business information which is not the subject of the "trade secrets" privilege, MCI will make such information available to the BellSouth pursuant to the terms of the Commission's Protective Order and the Protective Agreement between the parties, subject to any other general or specific objections contained herein.

10. MCI is a large corporation with employees located in many different locations in Florida and in other states. In the course of its business, MCI creates countless documents that are not subject to Florida Public Service Commission or FCC retention of records requirements. These documents are kept in numerous locations and are frequently moved from site to site as employees change jobs or as the business is reorganized. Therefore, it is possible that not every document has been identified in response to these requests. MCI will conduct a reasonable and diligent search of those files that are reasonably expected to contain the requested information.

To the extent that the BellSouth discovery purports to require more, MCI objects on the grounds that compliance would impose an undue burden or expense.

11. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery that seeks to obtain “all,” “each,” or “every” document, item, customer, or other such piece of information to the extent that such discovery is overly broad and unduly burdensome. Any answers that MCI may provide in response to the BellSouth discovery will be provided subject to, and without waiver or, this objection.

12. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent such discovery seeks to have MCI create documents not in existence at the time of the request.

13. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent that such discovery is not limited to any stated period of time or a stated period of time that is longer than is relevant for purposes of the issues in this docket, as such discovery is overly broad and unduly burdensome.

14. In light of the short period of time MCI has been afforded to respond to the BellSouth discovery, the development of MCI’s positions and potentially responsive information to the BellSouth requests is necessarily ongoing and continuing. Accordingly, these are preliminary objections to comply with the *Procedural Order*, and MCI reserves the right to supplement, revise, or modify its objections at the time that it serves its actual responses to the BellSouth discovery. However, MCI does not assume an affirmative obligation to supplement its answers on an ongoing basis.

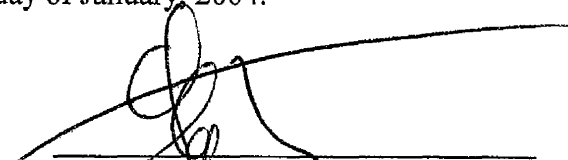
#### B. Specific Objections

MCI makes the following Specific Objections to BellSouth’s Third Request for Admissions, Seventh Set of Interrogatories and Seventh Request for Production of Documents, including the applicable definitions and general instructions expressed therein (“BellSouth

discovery”), which as appropriate will be incorporated into each relevant response when MCI’s responses are served on BellSouth.

15. MCI objects to each and every request for admission and interrogatory that seeks information regarding MCI’s projections regarding future services, revenues, marketing strategies, equipment deployments, or other such future business plans as such requests are trade secrets and, for purposes of this proceeding, would be highly speculative and irrelevant to the issues to be decided in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.



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